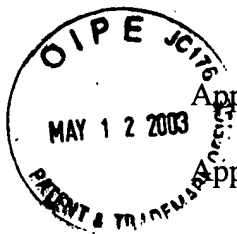


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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated April 8, 2003, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-18 and 26-43) drawn to hearing aid apparatus, are elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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